

**VERMONT**  
**Workforce Development Council**

Executive Committee  
9/10/07

**NOTES**

1) Next Generation Implementation - VSAC Don Vickers and Amy Whitehorn : Don explained the three categories into which the new funds are being allocated; Courses offered in a college or university setting for non-matriculated students, career specific training that charge tuition and fees, and job-specific training programs for which no tuition or fees are charged, but which are at a level of intensity that make employment not possible. Targets groups are long term employees who's skills are obsolete and youth who lack the skills to obtain a good job. He commented that the Career Awareness funding in Act 46 is not adequate to the scale of the challenge, but recognizes the problem and is a start. He briefly described a higher ed investment program that is available nationally and which should be better advertised in Vermont. He pointed out that not only is the youth cohort shrinking, but according to VSAC's student surveys, the percentage of students who report having no plans for postsecondary education has climbed from 9% to 18% over six years. Another interesting statistic he provided is that 2,000 more freshman come to Vt for college than Vermonters who leave Vt to go to college.

Don offered to work with the WDC on addressing the career planning challenge. To that end, DOL has recruited Linda Shiller to assist in review of the Act 46 Career Awareness proposals.

2) NGA Conference Washington DC, December 10 and 11: Chip reviewed the conference agenda and it was agreed that Chip and John should attend.

3) WDC Resources and Budget: Tom Douse presented a resource budget for the WDC. There was discussion of the funding sources and that the budget is basically balanced for this year, however that is based on carry forward of unspent funds from previous year and grant funds that will not be in place next year. The Federal Funding level has remained level for the WDC but declined over-all. It was agreed that the WDC should seek grant funds for projects aligned with its strategic plan.

4) Strategic Plan - Next Steps: Chip presented a revised and streamlined draft of

the strategic plan. John suggest that we add to the task list an item for reporting on Act 46 accomplishments to the Legislature, and changing the term "Outcomes" to "Goals". There was also discussion and agreement that the Strategic Plan should be noted to identify goals exceed the available funding necessary.

5) Appointment Update: As of the writing of these notes, the appointments for the Leadership and Sustainable Funding Committees are complete and meetings are being scheduled. The appointment of the WDC Chair and new members is expected form the Governor's office before out next meeting.

The Leadership Committee: Mac McLaughlin, John O'Kane, Frank Cioffi, Pat Moulton Powden, Cindy LaWare, Bob Clarke, Mike Quinn, Richard Cate, Mary Linterman

The Sustainable Workforce Funding Committee: Jim Pratt, Andy Crossman, Laura Dagan, Tom Longstreth, Steve Morse, Andy Crossman